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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed 11/5/07, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 4-6 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claims 4, 6, 10, and 12 are directed to frequency reuse in UWB communication system. However, UWB technology is impulse radio or **carrier-free** wireless communication system. This means that there's no carrier frequency in the radio frequency spectrum. The UWB pulses are transmitted without modulation onto a sine wave carrier frequency. Therefore, the claims are not described in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to pertain.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-3, and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karaoguz et al (US 2005/0090200) in view of Santhoff et al (US 7,042,417).

a) Regarding to claims 1 and 7, Karaoguz et al disclose for use in an ultra wideband (UWB) communication system, apparatus capable of directing selected UWB pulses to and from selected multiple users, the apparatus comprising:

means for separating UWB pulses into individual user streams of pulses and applying each user stream to generate individual user beams containing only pulses intended for those respective users (Fig. 2A; [0015]).

Karaoguz et al disclose all the subject matters above except for the specific teaching of a wideband antenna structure.

However, Santhoff et al disclose an ultra wideband antenna array structure (10 in Fig. 3), where having multiple arrays (15), and each array having multiple antenna elements (20; Col 4, L55-67). This approach diminishes multi-path problem (Col 1, L26-37). Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in art to combine the UWB antenna structure of Santhoff et al with the UWB user system of Karaoguz et al. By doing so, reduce multi-path effect and improve overall quality in UWB communication system.

- b) Regarding to claims 2 and 8, Karaoguz et al disclose wherein the means for separating UWB pulses into individual user streams comprises means for assigning to each user a particular allocation of UWB time slots ([0015]).
- c) Regarding to claims 3 and 9, Santhoff et al disclose the means for separating UWB pulses into individual user streams comprises means for applying each user stream to a different segment of the antenna (Fig. 4; Col 5, L1-8, different delays in antenna arrays).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eva Y Puente whose telephone number is 571-272-3049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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